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David F. Hogan  
Deputy Director, Office of Marine Conservation (OES/OMC)  
U.S. Department of State  
Email: [HoganDF@state.gov](mailto:HoganDF@state.gov)

Dear Mr. Hogan:

**Re: US-Canada Albacore Treaty**

My name is Captain Charlie Crane, and I am the Director Estimates and Sales for Platypus Marine, Inc. in Port Angeles, Washington. We are a full service marine repair shipyard with 60 employees. With our 330-ton travel lift, our facility services yachts, commercial and government vessels up to 220 ft. in length.

Over the past few years, as a result of intense marketing and advertising, we have been able to attract vessels from Canada. A number of these Canadian vessels participate in the Albacore Tuna Fishery and come to our yard for annual repairs and maintenance, spending their "tuna dollars." This has become an important part of our business, as it enables us to keep our employees working more steadily. We want to help with anything we can in order to keep these new customers coming back for their services.

We strongly support the renewal of the U.S. - Canada Bilateral Tuna Treaty. It's important to keep this fishing enterprise alive and doing well. As a spin-off, our business and local economy will reap the rewards of their success, including Port Angeles fuel docks, hotels, vacation rentals, restaurants, marine parts supplies, hardware stores, subcontractors, and the list goes on.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please let us know if we can support the Treaty's renewal with any more facts, etc.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlie Crane". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Charlie Crane  
Director Estimates & Sales